Amendment to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph under the heading "**Cross-Reference To Related Applications**" on page 1 of the Specification as originally filed with the new paragraph given below:

The present patent application is related to co-pending and commonly owned U.S. Patent Application No. ~~XX/XXX,XXX~~ 10/674,996, Attorney Docket No. POU8-2003-0022, entitled "Policy Driven Automation – Specifying Equivalent Resources", filed on even date herewith, and is related to co-pending and commonly owned U.S. Patent Application No. ~~XX/XXX,XXX~~ 10/675,001, Attorney Docket No. POU8-2003-0023, entitled "Policy Driven Autonomic Computing Systems – Programmatic Policy Definitions", filed on even date herewith, the entire teachings of which being hereby incorporated by reference.